Section 8 Moving to Work Demonstration

Allows public housing agencies (PHAs) to design and test ways to promote self-sufficiency among assisted families, achieve programmatic efficiency and reduce costs, and increase housing choice for low-income households. Only technical assistance funding was provided for this demonstration, and no funding has been appropriated since 1998.

Nature of Program: Moving to Work (MTW) is a demonstration program for PHAs that provides them the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally-designed strategies that use Federal dollars more efficiently, help residents find employment and become self-sufficient, and increase housing choices for low-income families. MTW gives PHAs exemptions from many existing public housing and voucher rules and more flexibility with how they use their Federal funds. MTW PHAs are expected to use the opportunities presented by MTW to inform HUD about ways to better address local community needs.

Applicant Eligibility: Public housing agencies.

Legal Authority: Section 204 of the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (Section 204 of the 1996 Act), additional MTW agencies authorized by Section 232 of FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Division A, Title II (Public Law 111-117), and FY 2011 Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act (Public Law 112-10).

Administering Office: Office of Public Housing Investments (OPHI), within the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

Information Source: Administering office.

On the Web:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/ph/mtw

Current Status: Active.